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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Further to the concurrent filing of the U.S. National stage of PCT/IL99/00025, kindly amend the application as follows prior to examination:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly add the following section, on page 1, immediately after the title:

## --RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is a US national application of PCT/IL99/00025, filed on January 14, 1999 and claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. Section 119(e) of US Provisional Application No. 60/115,863 filed on January 13, 1999 --

## IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend claims 6, 11, 18, 20, 24, 25, 27-30, 32, 34-36, 40, 50, 51, 53-63, by replacing the claims with the following amended claims, each of which is numbered with the number of the claim that it replaces. Please add new claims 64-67 which follow the amended claims.

## CLAIMS

6. (Amended) A method according to claim 3 wherein determining an adjustment range comprises determining at least one adjustment limit and determining said adjustment range responsive to said adjustment limit.

11. (Amended) A method according to claim 7 wherein said at least one adjustment limit for said at least one intermediate coefficient is determined responsive to the transformed quantizer having the same coordinates in the intermediate space as the at least one intermediate coefficient